

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following heading on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

BACKGROUND

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 3-6 as follows:

Eccentric cams 15, 15 are pressed and fixed to camshaft 13 via camshaft insertion holes 15c at outsides of valve lifters 19, 19, respectively, so as not to interfere with valve lifters 19, 19. Also, outer peripheral surfaces ~~15d, 15d~~ of cam body 15a are formed in the same cam profile.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 15-17 as follows:

Control cam 17 is formed in a cylindrical shape and fixed to a periphery of control shaft 16. As shown in Fig. 2, a center axis P1 position of control cam 17 is biased from a center axis P2 position of control shaft 16 by  $\alpha$ , thereby creating spacing 17a.